

REMARKS

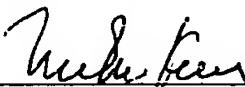
By the above amendment, the title has been amended to be more clearly indicative of the claimed invention, and informalities in dependent claims 2-5 have been corrected, with the claims being further amended to clarify other features of the invention.

As to the rejection of claims 1-5 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,493,504 B1, as recognized by the Examiner, such rejection can be overcome by the submission of a Terminal Disclaimer. Without acquiescing in the propriety of the rejection as set forth, in order to expedite issuance of this application, submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer and the appropriate fee therefor. Accordingly, applicants submit that the rejection of claims 1-5 as set forth in the Office Action should now be overcome, and such claims should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks and the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, applicants submit that all claims present in this application should now be in condition for allowance, and issuance of an action of a favorable nature is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.37453CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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